DISPOSITION OF PROHIBITION.

North Dakota's Constitutional Convention Agitated by It.

THE PROPOSITIONS SUBMITTED.

An Article Offered Providing For the Amount and Manner in Which Railroad Property Shall be Assessed.

The Liquor Question. BISMARCE, N. D., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The prohibition question is taking some original runs in the constitutional convention of North Dakota. There are now four separate and distinct proposi tions before the convention for the disposal of the question. To-day Camp, of Stutsman county, sabmitted a plan whereby prohibition and high license shall be voted upon at the same time. He proposes that when the constitution is submitted to the people the question of prohibition and high license shall be submitted separately. If high license carries, the maximum license is to be \$1,000. This is a novel plan for submission, and is popular with all save the absolute and uncompromising prohibitionists the convention. It is predicted to-day that it will be adopted, and if it is the chances are in favor of a high license victory. But the greatest bomb was the proposed article of Blewett, of Stutsman, which provides that if at any time the people or the legislature prohibit the sale manufacture of intoxicating liquor the state shall purchase all breweries and distilleries and indemnify those engaged in the business for the cost of their plants This is the most radical anti-prohibition proposition yet submitted, and, although there are many delegates who would pass it did they fear pro-hibition, under the circumstances it will hardly be given serious consideration.

The article submitted by Chairman Coiton.

of the committee on taxation, making the governor, secretary of state and state auditor a board of assessment to assess all railroad property for taxation, is also a new departure. It provides that the board shall assess roadbed, rolling stock and building stock; that the assessment of any road shall not be less than \$3,000 or more than \$7,000 per mile. This will be opposed by the railroads, who desire that the convention shall adopt the gross earnings system which has prevailed under the territorial government. The proposition submitted by the committee on taxation does not provide that the tax shall be in lieu of all other taxes, and as this leaves the lands subject to taxation, it can-not find favor in the eyes of the Northern Pacific, which has such an immense land

Pacific, which has such an immense land grant in the state.

The proposition to have the legislature consist of a single body is making progress. It came up in the regular order to-day, and, instead of being delayed by reference to a standing committee, was referred to committee of the whole and made a special order for to-morrow. The committee on legislative apportunity of the committee of the standard or the row. The committee on legislative appor-tionment is awaiting a decision on this point before submitting their report. If the old plan of two houses is adopted the committee will recommend that the house shall consist of sixty-eight members and the senate of

thirty-three.

The joint commission for the division of the property and debts of the territory be-tween the states of North and South Da-kota is now in session, and although everything appears smooth on the surface, it is evident that there will be something esting between the commissioners of the north and the south before the immense amount of property is divided. As the comnission consists of seven from the north and seven from the south, a deadlock wifi not be surprising.

Committee Reports

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-After two days of absence, Judge Edgerton presided over the convention to-day. Fifty members occupied their seats, but as there is no roll call, the entire number gain credit for being present. The roll of the committees was called, in order to learn what standing committees had completed their work. Only two reports were made. Wescott, of Duel, the chairman of the legislative and administration committee, and Boucher, of McPherson, chairman of the committee on amendment and revision of the conssitution, reported that the articles referred to their committees respectively needed no change. The reports were made a special order for to-morrow.

The judiciary committee had not yet com pleted its work, but has decided to increase the number of judicial districts. Dakota has suffered much from the delay in court business, and, while some oppose paying too many galaries, the feeling prevails that the number of judges must be large enough to dispose of all business without delay. The legislative committee is still at work on its apportionment and will be ready to report in a few days. Many think, however, that the

a few days. Many think, however, that the absent members ought to have a chance to be heard before final action.

Each delegate to-day found on his desk a copy of Sunset Cox's Fourth of July address, which was delivered at Huron. It is a neat paraphiet of fifty pages, embellished with the American flag in colors on the cover.

Much impatience is felt at the slowness of the North Dakota section of the joint committee in dividing the territorial assets and liabilities, ir getting down to work. It is thought that ir getting down to work. It is thought that this convention will not be able to adjourn until at least a week after the return of the committee. This will push the final adjournment well into August. Members who have political aspirations, not counting those whose business is suffering from neglect, are not pleased with the prospects. The state convention meets August 28, and county priventions are therefore likely to be held efore many of the delegates can get home Those who wish to make their calling and

A Pierre Real Estate Deal. . PIERRE, S. D., July 16.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The South Dakota Live Stock association to-day completed the sale of about five hundred acres of land lying east of and adjoining the city limits to a syndicate, com-posed of Philadelphia capitalists, for \$200 an acrs. The tract surrounds the site of the new Indian industrial school, to which is a projected street railway. This is the larges deal over made in Pierre real estate. A Phil adelphia company made the purchase to project some large enterprises and improvements here.

Dakota K. of P. Grand Lodge. Sioux Falls, S. D., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The fifth annual meeting of the Dakota grand lodge, K. of P. is in session here. The first meeting was held this morning, when Mayor Willey deliv-ered an address of welcome, to which Grand Chancellor W. Arnold, of Watertown, re sponded. The rest of the day was given up to the reception of visiting ladies and sightseeing about the city.

A Case of Katucky Hospitality. OLYMPIA, W. T., July 10,-A few days ago J. Z. Moore, of Spokane Pain ordered fifteen cases of the best whisky to be sulpped to him from Kentucky in order that he might keep open house in the grand old fashioned style. A reporter saw the whisky delivered, and wrote a sensational article for a Scattle paper, stating that Moore was lobbying in the interest of the Northern Pacific railroad and had imported the liquer as an alty.

Moore to-day rose to a question of privilege,
had the article resd and denied that he was
connected with the convention in any ir-

regular manner. He explained the de-tails of his Kentucky career and instanced his importation of liquor as only in keeping with the old time principles of hospitality for which Kentuckians are noted. Great applause greeted the explana-tion, and at the conclusion of the convention tion, and at the conclusion of the convention the delegates resorted to Moore's house and sampled his goods. The judiciary committee made its report recommending the establishment of a supreme court with three judges, and divided the state into twelve district courts. No judge can leave the state for more than sixty days, except by special permission of the governor. No fees are allowed any judicial office except the recorder or justices in towns of less than tees are allowed any judicial office except the recorder or justices in towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants. Among the propositions introduced was one asking for the establish-ment of agricultural colleges and soveral fa-voring the Australian election system.

Trouble in Oklahoma FRISCO, Oklahoma, July 16.-The territorial or rather the anti-territorial convention. which adjourned last night, decided to oppose the holding of a territorial convention at Guthrie to-morrow. Should the antis find themselves in the minority in the convention, it is expected terrible destruction will

be resorted to. There is apprehension of serious trouble.

A Kansas City special from Oklahoma City says: At 6 o'clock this morning, in deflance of Mayor Crouch's proclamation and the special order of General Merritt, an attempt was made by the anti-administration faction to hold a charter election. Two polling places were established, near which were stationed sounds of United States sol were stationed squads of United States sol-diers and special police. Mayor Crouch and City Marshal Kuntz approached one of the polling places and demanded of the men in charge by what right they were holding the

The mayor and marshal next took posses sion of the poll books and ballot boxes and conveyed them to the city hall, where they conveyed them to the city hait, where they locked them up. They then repeated the proceeding at a second polling place. The mayor and marshal were arested later on a warrant sworn out before a United States commissioner. charging them with intimidation, but they were released on hearing. At a meeting of the charter faction to-night it was deter-mined to further attempt to hold an election

"By the authority of the people," they re-

Settling the Mormon Question. Boise City, Idaho, July 16 .- The convention is making fair progress on the consti tation. In the discussion of the bul of rights the democrats came out strongly in favor of the sections affecting Mormonism, and in-troduced an amendment declaring that polygamy should be prohibited and that the legislature shall pass laws for the punish-ment of these crimes. The Mormon question appears sure of harmonious settlement now

Progress at Helena. HELENA, July 16 .- In the convention tolay a memorial was introduced relative to Sunday law, praying that no legislation be enacted towards enforcing the observance of the Sabbath day, and stating that one creed should not dictate to the other creeds what day they shall observe as holy. The committee on suffrage reported adversely on the resolution in relation to equal suffrage.

IS IT JACK THE RIPPER? Another Woman Found Horribly Mu-

tilated in Whitechapel. [Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett, [LONDON, July 16 .- | New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE.]-There is apparently to be another series of Whitechapel horrors. At half-past I this morning a woman was found in the last gasp in Castle alley, in the Whitechapel district, with her throat cut, her stomach frightfully slashed, and every indication of the Jack the Ripper's work. The unfortunate woman, who was an outcast died in a few minutes. No trace of the murderer was found. The woman's name is unknown. The hue and cry will be gin again and Whitechapel will be invaded by the curious and patrolled by hundreds of police, who can not see, hear or think.

A Gigantic Salt Trust Scheme. [Congright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett | LONDON, July 16.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-The salt union has issued a circular to share and depenture holders stating that share and debenture bonds of the American company can be obtained before being placed on the open market. Mr. Ward, who visited the United States in behalf of the English salt union, states that he visited over seventy salt works in the United States and Canada, and found a strong desire for the formation of a company similar to the English salt union. I was his opinion that the existing salt works in America could be consolidated and made so strong as to frighten opposition.

A Letter From the Pope. MONTREAL, July 16 .- Pope Leo XIII. has sent an autograph letter to the authorities of Laval university thanking them and the citizens of Quebec for the resolutions adopted by them at a demonstration on April 28 last in favor of the restoration of the temporal power of the pope. His holiness congratulates them, not only upon their prudence, but upon the sagueity of their , and says it is evident they will under stand how the impunity enjoyed by the enemies of the church is a source of im in human society and of the roubles of state.

Fatal Battle With Smugglers. CITY OF MEXICO (via Galveston), July 16 -A fight has taken place at Puerto del Agua, in the state of Nuevo Leon, between party of thirty smugglers and a force of custom house guards, in which two guards and three smugglers were killed.

A waterspout destroyed the town of Chilapa, in the state of Guerrero, at noon yester-

Caino, July 16 .- Advices from the front state that General Grenfell has assumed command. The Egyptian troops occupy a position two miles long near the village of Bellaha. Nad-el-Jumi, the Dervish leader. occupies a strong position at Khor. The Dervishes number 2,500 fighting men. Several thousand reinforcements are coming to

Beet Sugar Syndicate Bank. LONDON, July 16 .- The conference of delegates from the countries engaged in the production of beet sugar, was held in Brussels Monday. The conference founded a syndicate bank which will establish branches and agencies in all the principal cities of the world. The capital will be £3,026,000.

Paris, July 16.-General Boulanger, M. Rochefort and Count Dilion are summoned to appear within ten days. If they do not appear within twenty days they will be declared outlaws and their property confiscated until they surrender. The trial is said to have been fixed for August 10. The judg-ment will be final, no appeal being allowed.

A Boulangist Plot. Paris, July 16 .- The Temps says cipher elegrams have been discovered which prove that General Boulanger was at the head of a plot to march upon the Elysco palace and that several officers of high rank had promi sed him support.

Sail bury's Grave Alarm. Loxpon, July 15 -Lord Salisbury, in speech at Mile End to-night, referring to Irish affairs said it was appalling to think that years hence their grandsons might be still discussing the Irish problem with noth-ing new to say on the subject.

BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

Announcement That the President Returns Home To-day.

EXTRA SESSION SPECULATION.

The Belief Growing Stronger That Congress Will Convene Before December-Nebraska Land Office-Developments.

WASHINGTON BUREAU, THE OMAHA BEE.) 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16. The announcement that the president would return to-morrow caused a number of members of congress to put in an appearance at Washington to-day, and it is quite likely the time of the chief magistrate will be thoroughly occupied as soon as he again takes up his residence in the white house The members of the house are extremely anxious to get some further information from him as to his intentions in regard to an extra session. It is believed that an extra session will be called to meet immediately after the election for congress in the new states. Beyond the candidates for the speakership and one or two others, the members have generally come to the conclusion that congress will be called together before the day for the regular meeting in December. The speakership candidates are opposed to the plan because they desire all possible time to perfect their campaign. It is the general impression that the house will be organized with less trouble than was anticipated at first, and that within a week from the time that the clerk calls the house to order a permanent set of officers will bave been selected. Several democratic members

struggle is likely to begin, LAN D OFFICE SCANDALS PROMISED. One of the officials of the interior department said to day: "There are a number of serious charges against land officers in Nebraska. Owing, however, to the many other matters which are before the department no time has yet been available for making careful examination into these enarges and nothing has been done in any of the cases." The official declined to give out any further particulars at the present time, but intimated that in the course of a few days something might be expected which would be interest iug to the people of Nebraska.

have given notice, however, that they will

resort to all sorts of flibustering to prevent

the unseating of democrats who hold certifi-

cates, and after the house is organized and

the elections committee appointed the real

JUDGE TYNER'S PRIENDS ALARMED. It was given out publicly to-day that Judge Tyner, the law officer of the postoffice de-partment, is slightly improved in health, but it is learned privately that his nearest friends here are seriously alarmed over his condition, and notwithstanding the encouraging reports which have been published during the past two days they are not inclined to be very hopeful as to the outcome. It is the inten tion of Judge Tyner's friends to get him away from the city into the mountain air at the earliest possible moment consistent with safety.

IOWA POSTMASTERS APPOINTED. These fourth class postmasters for Iowa were appointed to-day: Mary E. Crooke, Linden, Dallas county; Elias M. Fox, Niema, Appanoose county; C. M. Wilder, Panama, Shelby county; Charles Haden, Panama, Cutheir county; C. Rollington Panora, Guthrie county; L. C. Bolibaugh, Prairie Grove, Clarke county; Mrs. E. Murav. Swan, Marion county: Samuel Nixon. Talmage, Union county. MISCELLANEOUS.

Senator Paddock arrived here last even-

ing, but found a telegram awaiting him which took him to Omaha at once. General Van Wyck has accepted an invitation to address the district reunion of the G. A. R. at Wymore, Neb., on Tnursday, August 1.
Major Quinn, of the engineer corps, in charge of the work of the improvement of Lake Superior harbor, estimates that \$10,000 can be profitably be expended on it during the next fiscal year; for Ashland harbor Wis., \$100,000. W. O. Wolf, first Iowa district (Madison)

as been appointed a cadet at the militar,

academy.

Mississippi River Improvements. WASHINGTON, July 16 .- Major Miller, of the engineer corps, in charge of the improvement of the Mississippi river between the Ohio and Illinois rivers, reports that the plan of general improvement contemplates the reduction of the river to an approximate width of 2,500 feet below St. Louis, and estimates that \$1,000,000 can be profitably expended during the next fiscal year.

It is estimated that \$18,000 can be profitably expended in the further improvement of the Mississippi river above the Falls of St. Anthony; \$79,524 is estimated as neces-sary for the care and maintenance of the completed dams and reservoirs at the headwaters of the Mississippi river; \$60,000 is estimated for the improvement of the Chippewa river in Wisconsin; \$34,200 for the St. Croix river; \$25,000 for the Minnesota river; \$40,000 for the Red River of the North, and \$65,000 for the Yellowstone river.

Nebraska and Iowa Patents. Washington, July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Patents issued to Nebraska inventors: Daniel D. Dillon, Nelson, Neb. check row corn planter; Louis S. Fletcher Blue Springs, Neb., guage for missing spouting; William A. Loughey, Ocassa, Neb., combined lister and drill; Orlo L. Mun ger, assignor of one-half to W. C. Power. Gresham, Neb., camera attachment; Lev. and J. M. Nech, Sutton, Neb., auchor attach ment for windmill posts; Warren T. Reaser, Fairmont, Neb., assignor to Round Valve company, Chicago, Ill., balanced valve; George W. Thomas, Ogallaia, Neb., mechanical movement.
Patents issued to Iowa inventors: Thomas

M. Dils, Davenport, Ia., towel rack; Grace L. Foster, Milford, Ia., organ medal; Har-vey D. Harmer, assignor of one-half to E. W. Hart, Council Bluffs, Ia., nipple holder; John S. Hind, Oakland, Ia., combined har-row and cultivator; Hans P. Jensen, New Hartford, Ia., hame tug. Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, July 16 .- [Special Telegram THE BEE. |-Pensions granted Nebraskans Original invalid-James Jackson, David Mooney, James Murray, Levi O. Curtis. Increase-Manly J. Porter, Alva M. Isner. Reissue—Isaac N. Alderman. Original wid-ows, etc.—Lucinda, mother of Merrit A. Blanchard. Pensions allowed Iowans: Original invalid-Abram Lamb, David F. Rice, John Johnson, James D. Gambler, Henry Bordner, Eber Ogden, James Barrett, James A Dowell, Lewis B. Long, Angus F. Judeisch

Leander Booth. Increase—Elmer Daniels, Evan E. Bebb, Thomas R. Chandler. Re-issue—Miles H. Hart. Reissue and increase --William T. Clark, William H. Roberts, David Resback. Original widows, etc.— Joseph, father of Joseph I. Edgington, minor of John E. Hall. The Weather Indications. For Nebraska-Light local showers warmer, casterly winds, becoming variable. For Iowa-Showers and warmer, southeasterly winds.

Dakota—Showers, slight changes in temperature except cooler in western portion, easterly winds.

Beggs Gets Left Again. CRICAGO, July 16 .- Judge Horton, in the criminal court this morning, denied John S. Beggs' latest application for a writ of habeas corpus.

REGARDED AS A SUBTERFUGE. The Rumored Offer of the Cherokee Cattle Company for Indian Lands.

OMAHA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 17, 1889.

Washington, July 16.—Recent dispatches from Indian Territory state that the Chero-kee Cattle company offered to lease the lands of the Cherokee strip from the Indians for a term of years at a large rental. It is further stated that it is probable the company will eventually buy the lands from the Indians. The commission recently appointed by the president to negotiate with the Indians for the purchase of these lands for the government with the view of them being uitimately thrown open to public settlement, are about to begin their labors, and it is the opinion of the interior department officials that these offers, alleged to have been made by the cattle company, are evidently in-tended to embarass the commission in its work. They believe the cattle company and many of the more intelligent Indians are probably aware of the paramount right of the United States to these lands and that the Indians can neither sell or lease them with-out the consent of the government. The secretary, questioned as to the purpose of the government in the event of an attempted consummation of the proposed lease or sale, said he did not care to discuss the matter at said he did not care to discuss the matter at present, but would say, however, that the government would recognize no competitors for these or any other lands in which it had an interest. If the interests of private parties conflict with those of the govern-ment, the former, he said, must certainly be not to one side.

PARNELL'S COUNSEL WITHDRAW A Course of Action Foretold in The Bee's Cablegrams.

LONDON, July 16 .- Upon the opening of the Parnell commission this morning, the counsel for Parnell stated that after full consideration of the situation, Parnell has instructed him to no longer represent him efore the commission.

This was virtually a notification that Parnell declined to make any further presentation of his case before the commission. Counsel for the other members of parliament against whom charges were made by the Times also withdrew from the case. Parnell made a personal application to the court asking that if there was any design to further examine him, such examination be proceeded with without delay.

Justice Hannen promised to try to meet

the convenience of Parnell by recalling him on Thursday.

After counsel for Parnell and other mempers of parliament had retired, Justice Hannen said that the scope of the inquiry would not be altered. The taking of testimony was then resumed. Mr. James O'Kelly, mem-ber of parliament, declared that he had a statement to make. On cross-ex-amination he admitted he was a mem-ber of the Irish Republicans' brotherhood from 1863 to 1870. In 1870 an attempt was made to arrest him when he was leaving Ireland under the name of John Smith. Letters were found in his luggage from an agent who was shipping arms to Ireland.

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Sir Henry James, of counsel for the Times produced letters written by O'Kelly partly in invisible ink, in which reference was made to the shipment of arms and the doings of the fenians. One of the letters referring to a remittance of \$21,500 from America contents. tained a passage reading:
"We are ready to take the field when the

proper orders are issued to the regimental Witness admitted that the letters were authentic. While witness was in America ne joined the Glan-us-Gael. This organization sent him to Ireland as a military

to reorganize the men. He received \$0,000 towards his expenses. He did not effect the object of his mission, finding that the agents in Ireland declined to co-operate with him. He therefore con-sidered his mission ended and went to France. He sent his resignation to America and returned \$5,000. Since that time he had no connection with the Clan-na-Gael or the inians. During his career in parliament he ad received no money from America. denied spending \$10,000 which had been enrusted to him for election purposes.

Matthew Harris, member of commons for east Galway, said he joined the Fenians in 1865. The death penalty to traitors was not an essential feature of the Fenian con-stitution. Harris instanced the case of Inormer Kathern, and said the society after discussion decided he should not be shot. The witness admitted saying in a speech that he did not go about from platform to platform caterwavling over the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish. He had quali fied the speech in which he said he should not mind seeing landlords shot down like

PUBLISHERS COMBINE. School Books Will Not be Sold by

Traveling Agents. New York, July 16.—A combination has been formed by the leading school book publishers for the purpose of regulating the methods of selling their publications. The publishers deny that their combination or agreement partakes in any sense of the nature of a "trust." It was formed, they affirm, solely for the purpose of reducing the cost of doing business, and there is no attempt to govern prices. It provides that publishers hereafter shall not employ traveling agents. The saving in expenses which the agreement will afford will enable publishers to sell books at lower prices.

Divided On Manual Training. NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 16 .- The national council of the Educational association closed its four days session to-day. The general meetings of the association were opened at Cherokee park with a barbecue. At the first formal session this evening the delecalas considered the subject of manual traingera, considered the subject of maintain train-ing. It was vigorously assailed and warmly defended, and its future place in public in-struction is unsettled so far as the conven-tion is concerned. The national council has also deferred final action in the matter for one year.

Rhode Island's License Law. PROVIDENCE, R. L. July 16 .- The legislature met to-day and adjourned after a special session to enact a license law. The bill provides for wholesale license fees from \$500 to \$1,000, to be determined by the license commission, and a retail fee of \$400 in Providence, running down to \$250 in towns, according to population.

New Jersey Marderer Hanged. Belvidere, N. J., July 16.—Bolak was hanged at 10:53 this morning for killing his bosom friend and fellow countryman, Michael Bollinshire, at Oxford, N. J., on on the night of September 26, 1888. Bollin-shire was an industrious fellow, and had saved nearly \$100 in money, which he car-ried in a belt on his person. Bolak killed him for his money.

A Highwayman Killed. MILWAUKEE, July 16 .- A special from Washburn, Wis., says that last evening at f o'clock an unknown man, heavily armed, attempted to rob two quarrymen three miles from that place. While searching one of them the footpad was shot by the other through the heart. There is no clue to the identity of the dead man.

The English Syndicate at Work. MILWAUKEE, July 16 .- The agent of the English syndicate, who is negotiating for the purchase of the Minneapolis flouring mills, is in Milwaukee to-day, and is endeav-oring to get an option on the Sanderson and Daisy flour mills in this city.

A Section of Track Washed Out. GRANT, Neb., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE - A cloud-burst in Lincoln county, about fifty miles cast of this place, last night, washed out a section of the B. & M. track. Trains were delayed six hours. SHORTER ROUTE PROPOSED

The U. P. May Have a Canadian Pacific Connection.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE HELD.

The Proposed New Line Several Hundred Miles Shorter-Western Lines Will Not Meet the Alton's Cut.

Eastern Outlet for the Union Pacific. New York, July 16 .- According to the World of this morning, a conference was held in this city yesterday which may result in diverting a large share of the Union Pacific traffic across Canada to the scaboard. The conference was for the purpose of considering the advisability of building a line southwest in Wisconsin for connection with the "Soo" line to Sioux City and Council Bluffs, which will give the Union Pacific a direct line to connect with the Canadian Pacific. This will make a route to the seaboard shorter by several hundred miles than the present route by way of Chicago. The new road is known as the Sault Ste. Marie & Southwestern, and in the conference it was represented by N. C. Foster of Fairchild, Wis., who is president of the company, and James McIntyre of Eau Claire, Wis., both of whom are wealthy lumbermen in their state. Negotiations are being conducted in Europe as well as here.

A Surrender of Live Hog Traffic. CHICAGO, July 16 .- The western roads today agreed to modify their tariffs on live stock from the Missouri river, confining the reduced rates to Kansas City. The Chicago & Alton's 22 cent rate on cattle will be met only at Kansas City, and 25 cents will met only at Ransas City, and 25 cents will be charged from St. Joseph, Omaha and Council Bluffs and 27 cents from Sioux City. The 25 cent basis on hogs will be maintained at all points, even at Kansas City, against the Alton's rate of 18 cents. By this action they voluntarily surrender the live hog traffic from southwestern Missouri river points, to the Alton. The object of confining the cut rates to the southwestern territory is to keep them out of Iowa so that rates on live stock in that state can be held firm.

Charter Filed For a New Road. TOPEKA, Kan., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A charter was filed to-day with the secretary of state for an important railway enterprise called the Nebraska, Kansas & Southwestern line. The company has a capital stock of \$2,250,000, and proposes to build 250 miles of road in the state of Kansas within the next year. The headquarters of the company are at Hutchinson, and the directors include several prominent Kansas

MINNEAPOLIS DOWNED. St. Paul Gains While the Flour City

Loses Several Thousand. St. Paul, Minn., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The directories of St. Paul and Minneapolis, just issued by the same firm, show a rather remarkable state of things, and St. Paul is doing a good deal of crowing to-day. The St. Paul directory shows a gain of 4,070 names, indicating a population of 193,000. The Minneapolis directory, on the other hand, shows a falling off of 2,640 names, indicating that the Flour City's population has actually decreased 7,990 in a year and that the city's total is but 128,000. 178,000.

An Iron King Assigns. MILWAUKEE, July 16 .- A special from Elkhorn, Wis., says that John E. Burton, known as the "Gogebic iron king" during the mining craze two years ago, has made an assignment to Gage E. Farbell, of Milway kee. The liabilities of Burton are stated to be \$825,000, and the Central Trust company, of New York, with a claim of \$350,000, is the largest creditor. It is said that there is no prospect that there will be anything left to pay unsecured claims, the assets being about \$701,000, including \$6.30,000 in real , including \$6.00,000 in and \$100,000 in personal estate erty. Burton says he has been so har-rassed by creditors that he was forced to assign. He added: "Nearly a hundred suits have been brought against me in eighteen preciated and slaughtered from \$2,200,000 to ess than a million, and in nearly all cases it was almost unnecessary.'

After a Big Contract. NEW YORK, July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE !- H. B. Slaven, president of the American Contracting and Dredging company, leaves for Paris to-day by the steamer Soale. It is understood that Slaven visits Paris for the purpose of closing a contract with the canal people for the comple tion of the remaining work on the Panama canal. The amount involved is said to be about \$200,000,000. The successful negotiation of a contract on so stupendous a scale will, it is said, secure for the new

ganization now being perfected in Paris, the

confidence of the French and American pub-

lic and ample funds to assure the success of the great scheme. Obeys Under Protest. CHICAGO, July 16 .- The Chicago board of trade to-day adopted a resolution declaiming against the recent decision of the court, but resolving to restore the market quotations withdrawn on May 31. This is done, the board alleges, to avoid an unjust discrimina-tion in favor of parties whose pending injunctions prohibit the withdrawal of the quotations. The resolution concludes by stating this action is taken without prejudice to the right now claimed and insisted upon by the board of trade of Chicago to contro its merket quotations and to hereafter modify or repeal this resolution as in the judg-ment of the board of directors it may seem expedient and proper.

Keya Paha's Old Soldiers. MUNT, Neb., July 15 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The committee of arrangements for the second annual reunion of the old soldiers of Keya Paha and adjoining counties are busy at work preparing for that occasion. Speakers from a distance have been secured. The necessary tents and other equipage have been looked after. Music has been provided and everything goes to indicate that this re union will be a grand success. It will be held in a beautiful grove in the eastern part of Keya Paha county. The date of holding the reunion this year is September 4, 5 and 6. The Oid Settlers' association will meet at

the same time and place. A Big Brewery Burned. INDIANAPOLIS, July 16 .- The French brewery at Fort Wayne burned to-night. While the fire was in progress three mer were severely injured by an explosion of an ammonia tank on the ice machine. The total oss will reach \$350,000, with only \$20,000 nsurance.

Titition I Y ellow Fever Ship. Quenec, July 16 .- The supposed yellow fever ship, named the Premier, from Stantor, has arrived at Saguenay. The captain is dead and two of the sailors are down with the disease.

The Scotch Local Bill. LONDON, July 16.-The Scotch local government bill passed the committee stage in the commons to-night.

The Mississippi Democrats. Jackson, Miss., July 16 .- The state deme cratic convention to day nominated John M. tone for governor and also a full state A K. OF L. CONFERENCE.

Powderly on Barry, the Eight-Hour Law and Decreased Membership. CHICAGO, July 16,-General Master Workman Powderly and some of his colleagues on the executive board of the Knights of Labor arrived in the city this morning and held a secret conference at the hotel. The board decided that the next general assembly shall be held at Atlanta, Ga., on the second Tuesday of next November. During the aftersoon Mr. Powderly retired from the meeting and received callers. In talking to a reporter as to the purpose of the board in coming west, Mr. Powderly said this is the quarterly meeting of the executive board, called in Chicago for the convenience of the northwestern assemblies. The statements of some newspapers that it is to revive the waning influence of this portion of the country, and that the meeting is an excep-

ional one, he denied.
In reply to an inquiry as to whether the board had come west to confer in any way with Barry's United Brotherhood, the gen-

eral master workman said: "We have no overtures to make to Mr. Barry, and no olive branches for him. There has yet been no complaint made to us of anything he has done, and I know of no in-tention to meddle with his affairs. This matter is exaggerated. We don't hear nearly so much of the United Brotherhood in the east. The talk of it is mainly in the west." Concerning the present condition of af-fairs in the Knights of Labor, he said: "At present we have a membership of 300,000. When I am asked to explain the falling off, I ask why so many should come m. This present membership is an increase which I strongly opposed. Much of it is made up of those people who think strikes are the solution of all evils. I have opposed this membership from the beginning.

Regarding the eight-hour day question, the Doublette said that he is decided in

Mr. Powderly said that he is decidedly in favor of a reduction in the hours of labor, but opposed to sudden measures. The question is now before the order, and will be settled if possible by the next general assembly. SIX THOUSAND LIVES LOST. Terrible Destruction By a Water

Spout in China. SAN FRANCISCO, July 16 .- The steamer City of New York has arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama. Intelligence was received at Hong Kong that early on the morn-Yuen districts were flooded by the bursting

ing of the 2d ult. the Chan Ping and Pong of a water spout or tornado and the level country was flooded with nearly thirty-six feet of water. The villages of Chae Kon and Ha-Ku-Hui, in the Ping Yuen district, and Cueong Tam, Hop Lui, Ngai Ku, Sam Chan Kui and Sam Po Hui, in the Chan Ping dis-trict, were overflowed. Many houses were wholly swept away, while others were inundated. Upwards of six thousand lives were

A FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION. A Union Pacific Switch Engine Blows Up With Fatal Results.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-A frightful explosion occurred about 11 o'clock to-day on the Union Pacific railway three miles west of this city. The switch engine employed in the yards here was hauling a train of flat cars to a point where the track was being repaired. Just as it was slowing up the boiler of the engine exploded with terrible force, scattering in fragments for a distance of several rods. Fireman James Dutton was fatally injured, and Engineer R. T. Seacord received injuries which will probably prove fatal. Trainmen on the flatcars also received serious injuries. The track was torn up for a distance of 150 feet and the cars were scattered promiscuously about the embankment.

A COLORED BOY'S REVENGE. He Doses the Family Mush With

Rough on Rats. St. Joseph, Mo., July 16 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Harry Bell, a colored boy sixteen years old, is in jail charged with poisoning his mother and brother by stirring "Rough on Rats" into the mush pot, Monday evening all but the mother and her youngest child had eaten supper and Harry was seen by his sister to hover over a pot of mush, which was standing on the stove, and take something out of his pocket. He gave his brother 10 cents, telling him not to eat any mush, but confine his energies to the milk. The boy did not give any attention to the in-structions, and both he and his mother ate some of the poisoned mush. They were both taken violently ill and came near dying. The boy's object was revenge, as his mother had had occasion to chastise him.

More Room Needed. WASHINGTON, July 16.-Colonel Wilson, commissioner of public buildings and grounds, in his annual report to the chief of engineers, recommends that an office building be erected for the use of the president just west of the white house and where the green house and conservatory now stands. The latter, he says, might be built on the ground east of the white house and between it and the treasury building. It is believed the time has come when the chief magistrate of the country should no longer be obliged to have his private residence and office under the same roof. The suggestion is made that the conservatory to be excepted. made that the conservatory to be erected might be connected with the white house by a picture gallery opening out of the East room, and containing the portraits of all the presidents of the United States, and of the ladies who have assisted them in the social duties devolving upon them. These ideas are submitted with the hope that congress

from the white house. Sixteen Sailors Adrift. Boston, July 16 .- The fishing schooner Edith Emery, captam, Patrick Sullivan. arrived to-day with only three of her crew of nineteen men. Sunday morning when the Emery was within about seventy miles of Highland light the missing men set out in dories to tend trowls. The weather was very thick and the fog became so heavy as to shut out all sight of them from the vessel. Search was kept up until Monday afternoon, fog horns being blown and as much noise made as possible to attract their attention, but nothing could be seen or heard of the men. The cautain believes they have been picked up by a passing vessel as fishing vessels were numerous at the point where they were lost. The wind was not blowing heaviely, and he sees no reason for fear of capsizing even should the men be adrift forty-eight hours before being picked up. All but two of the crew are married and have large families. dories to tend trowls. The weather was very have large families.

will take the initiative. It is recommended that the stables be removed farther away

BALTIMORE, July 16 .- Although the gun-

boat Petrel, which left here Saturday, returned this morning with a part of her ma chinery out of order, she has shown herself a credit to the navy. The secondary link trap of the low-pressure valve gear broke yesterday on the return trip. Before the accident she developed 1,250 horse power for a short time, 150 more—than—specified in the contract. She made 1314 knots, while not under forced draft, which indicates that she could make 16 knots under forced.

A Mexican Murderer Hanged. ANTONITO, Col., July 16 .- Jose Abram Ortez. a Mexican, was hanged to-day for the murder of a miner named E. O. LeDuc last March. The motive of the murder was

Three Little Girls Drowned. Paola, Kan., July 16 .- Addie and Kate Gordon and Myrtle Granby, ranging in age from eleven to fourteen years, were drowned in the river pear here while bathing to day.

STILL DISCUSSING THE BILL

The Cheyennes Hold a Council for Its Consideration.

SQUAW MEN IN OPPOSITION

No Signatures Yet Procured, the Commissioners Preferring to First Win Over Some of the Hostiles.

The Indians in Council. CHEYENNE AGENCY, Dak. (via Fort Sully, Dak.), July 16. - Special Telegram to Tur Ber. |-Shortly after the dispersion of the regular council yesterday with the commissioners the Indians met in a private council to discuss the bill and have read the stenoge raphic copy of Governor Foster's speech. The usual concommitant to an Indian council-the feast-had been supplied by the commission in the issue of ten head of cattle. The majority of the speeches made last evening were against the bill, though there were some voices heard in its favor, but, paradoxical as it may seem, this seeming opposition is, from the nature of it, considered as an indication that there is dissension in the ranks. In many respects the situation seems to be analogous to that at Rosebud. Two days previous to the commencement of the signing there the feeling openly expressed in the evening was butterly in op-

reaction took place and the signing began. The powerful influence of the half breeds and squaw men is wanting, and in some cases is arrayed in opposition. Reports come in from the camp that the Indians are very much opposed to anything being done by the mixed bloods, of whom they are profoundly

position, but on the following afternoon the

The Indian council broke up in a row last distribution of the beef, in which they seem more largely interested than in the selling of their land. This morning there was to have been held another council with the commission, but nothing came of it. At about 2 o'clock the Indians met at the part rilion and proceeded to hold a secret council from which they excluded all white men and outsiders. The supposed intention of the Indians in this council is to further discuss the bill and have it read to them. It is supposed that about one-half of the Inposed that about one-half of the In-dians here are already in faver of adopting the bill, but it is desired to cause some break among the hostiles before the signing begins. The commission has received reinforcements in the shape of a ceived reinforcements in the shape of a former agent at this place, Major Randall, who officiated here in the sixties, when to be an agent among the Sioux Indians meant to take one's life in hand. Major Randall was ordered to report here by the secretary of the interior from Detroit, where he is at present stationed. He will accompany the commission, having acquired an immense influence during his solourn here. fluence during his sojourn here.

The Indian council broke up this afternoon

without deciding upon anything, though the bill was read and carefully translated to them by the halfbreeds.

> IOWA NEWS. The Jobbers' Cases.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 16.— Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The hearing on the joint rate question was continued by the railroad commissioners to-day. The principal witnesses for the complainants were James Mo-Intyre, a dealer in buggies, and J. J. Marks, esale grocer, both of Davenport. They both testified that they were losing lows trade on account of lower rates being given to Chicago than to Davenport. They men tioned instances in which customers had turned from them to Chicago because goods could be delivered more cheaply from Chicago than from Davenport, since the latter had to pay two high local rates instead of one low joint rate. The principal witnesses for the roads were Mr. C. J. Ives, president, and Mr. C. D. Ives, general ticket agent, of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, and Superintendent Given, of the Rock Islands They all explained how some of the de-lays complained of occurred without any desire to discriminate against Iowa points or to give undue advantage to Chicago.

Crops Ruined by the Storm. Sloux City, Ia., July 16 .- | Special to THE BEE.]-The storm Saturday night in the vicinity of LeMars turns out to be one of the most disastrous to crops ever known in this region. The storm struck about twenty miles northwest of LeMars, the wind blowing with terrific violence, and there was ab extraordinary fall of hail. The track of the storm was from two to four miles in width, and corn, grain and all crops within the sweep of the winds were beaten into the ground. The destruction of the crops is complete. LeMars was directly in the track of the storm, and windows having a north and

west exposure were shuttered. Are the Discased Cattle Slaughtered? WATERLOO, Ia., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. j-There is considerable excitement at Cedar Falls over the discovery of a diseased cow in the yard of a slaughter house. The animal was brought from the country during the night, and some parties who saw it reported to the officers. It was planned to allow the cow to be slaughtered and then arrest the butcher, but in some way the matter leaked out and the animal was sent away. Its head was affected with a cancerous sore. It is reported that a numper of diseased cattle in that section have suddenly disappeared of late and much indignation is felt over the matter.

Stenographers in Convention. DES MOINES, Ia., July 10 .- [Special Telegram to TEE BEE.]—A state convention of stenographers was held to-day, bringing together a number of the official and unofficial reporters of the state. A temporary organi-zation was formed with Charles M. Adams, of Mason City, as chairman, and Miss Carris Closle, of Des Moines, as secretary. The exercises of the afternoon consisted of addresses by W. S. Briggs, of Ottumwa, and Prof. Dement, of Chicago, and discussions of topics of interest to the profession.

A G. A. R. Order. DES MOINES, Ia., July 16 .- [Special Telegrain to THE BEE. | — Department Commander Smith has issued an order requesting the members of the G. A. R. in Iowa to remain away from the encampment at Milwaukee on account of the railroads' refusal to make a 1 cent rate. He was one of the depart-ment commanders that threatened to do so some time ago, and now has to stand by his nise, although the national commander, Major Warner, is against him.

A Boy's Terrible Crime. WATERLOO, Ia., July 16.-[Special Tele-gram to THE BEE.] -Earnest Wildes. a boy fifteen years of age, living in this county, is under arrest for an assault upon a little girl not quite twelve years old. Her screams at-tracted some farmers, who chased young Wildes two miles before they succeeded in capturing him.

Cut In Two By the Cars. DUBUQUE, Is., July 16 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] -Joseph Freundt, of this city, lay down on the track of the Milwaukee road near Green Isle last night. A freight train ran over him and cut him in two, killing him instartly. He came to Dubuque recently from New York city.

Ricked to Death By a Horse. ESTREAVILLE, Ia., July 16 .- [Special Teles gram to Tue Ber.]-James Ridley, proprietor of the Emmett house, at Estherville, was kicked by a horse Sunday evening and died yesterday from the results of the injury.